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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

RICE et al.

Serial No.: 09/712,878

Filed: 11/14/2000

Atty. Docket No.: 3123-362

For: "METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR THE ACOUSTIC  
IMPROVEMENT OF THE  
PULSED CURRENT METHOD  
FOR CONTROLLING THE  
VELOCITY OF A TRANSDUCER  
HEAD"

**Mail Stop Petition**

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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF  
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PATENT APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.137(B)**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for revival of the above-identified patent application. The application was unintentionally abandoned, since a reply to an Office Action dated February 12, 2003 was not filed.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.137(b), a Reply to the Office Action of February 12, 2003 is being submitted herewith.

Since this utility patent application was filed after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

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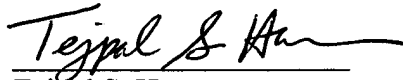
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I hereby state that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR § 1.137(b) was unintentional.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2198 in the amount of \$1330.00 for the petition fee, as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(m). In addition, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 50-2198 for any fee deficiencies associated with filing this paper.

A representative from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is invited to contact the undersigned regarding any matters relating to the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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